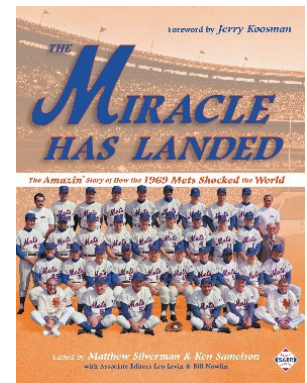


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Four Mets who were on the 1969 World Series-winning New York Mets died in 2024: Derrel McKinley “Bud” Harrelson (in January), James Clement “Jim” McAndrew (in March), Gerald Wayne “Jerry” Grote (in April), and Edward Emil Kranepool III (in this month of September). Of the four, Ed Kranepool was the only native New Yorker, born in the Bronx.

Thus, our SABR Digital Library book for this issue is *The Miracle Has Landed: The Amazin' Story of How the 1969 Mets Shocked the World* edited by Matthew Silverman and Ken Samelson. More about that on page 5.



SABR's Digital Library

Have you had a chance yet to visit SABR's Digital Library? Not yet? Our previous newsletter in August featured one of the myriad books available at no cost for SABR members: Van Lingle Mungo. This month's newsletter will continue with the digital delights of reading (and in some cases, re-living) the historical events of our New York City teams -- all four of them -- courtesy of the SABR Digital Library.

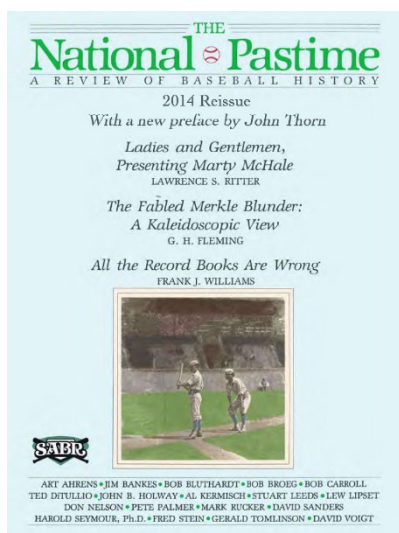
Both "new and experienced authors are always welcome to contribute" to the SABR Digital Library, as you can see at <https://sabr.org/ebooks#about> which also includes:

- Ongoing Writing Opportunities
- Submitting a new book/web project proposal
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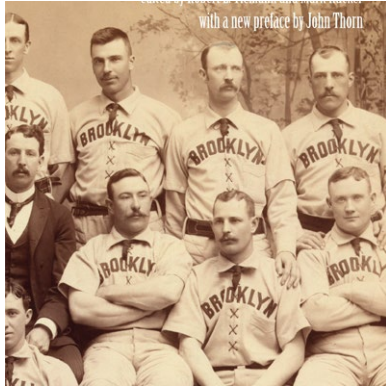
When you download books from the Digital Library <https://sabr.org/ebooks>, you can get every one of SABR's award-winning books, the Biography Project team books, and the past editions of both the Baseball Research Journal (BRJ) and The National Pastime (TNP).

Reissues keep readers well-informed with new data and updated prefaces like this (see *right*) 2014 replica of TNP with its added preface by SABR member John Thorn, who became the Official Historian of MLB in 2011.



The SABR Digital Library does have books about ballparks, ballplayers, and personnel of baseball teams in New York History such as:

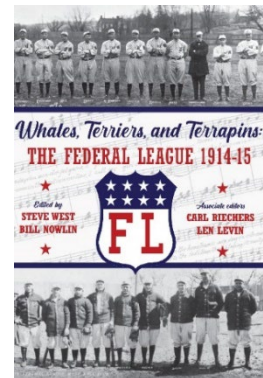
Nineteenth Century Stars



This cover shows the Brooklyn Bridegrooms of 1889. The Bridegrooms (aka the Grooms) were nicknamed the "Grays" for the color of their uniform. A decade after this photograph, the Brooklyn team (now called the Superbas) won the National League pennant in 1899. In later years, the club was known as the Trolley Dodgers or the Robins, but eventually were simply “the Dodgers.”

Whales, Terriers, and Terrapins: The Federal League 1914-15

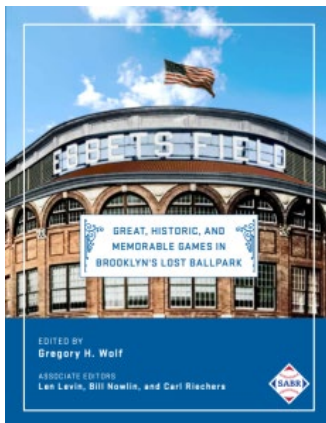
The Brooklyn Tip-Tops of the Federal League were named for Tip Top Bread, a “product of Ward Baking Company, which was also owned by team owner Robert Ward. They were sometimes informally called the Brooklyn Feds or BrookFeds” according to Wikipedia, and they “played in Washington Park, which the Brooklyn Dodgers had abandoned after the 1912 season to move to Ebbets Field.”



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brooklyn_Tip-Tops This "outlaw"

league let players sidestep MLB’s reserve clause and players' salaries soared, revealing how free agency could increase the power of players to bargain.

Ebbets Field: Great, Historic, and Memorable Games in Brooklyn’s Lost Ballpark



Green Cathedrals is just one of the many ballpark-themed books in the SABR Digital Library and Ebbets Fields is a book that exudes pride in the entire borough (once a city) of Brooklyn.

Quite a few of these SABR Digital Library books will be highlighted in a future issue of the Casey Stengel Chapter newsletter, along with their lists of contributors for each book, some of whom are CSC members! 😊

John Montgomery Ward's "Base-Ball: How To Become A Player"

"Monte" Ward played and managed these New York teams:

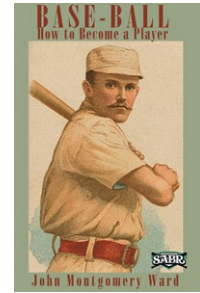
The New York Gothams / Giants

The Brooklyn Ward's Wonders

The Brooklyn Grooms

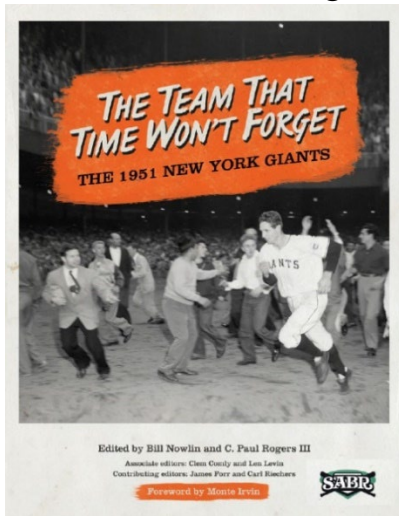
The New York Giants

Other players for NYC teams within the Digital Library are Sandy Koufax, Willie Mays, Jackie Robinson, Babe Ruth, and Bill Werber.



The Team That Time Won't Forget: The 1951 NY Giants

The SABR Digital Library has more than 100 fascinating books on lots of topics with most about teams. The 1951 Giants were famous for the home run "shot heard 'round the world" that echoes even today! These 5 links take you to the 5 pages of all the books in the SABR Digital Library for you to enjoy!



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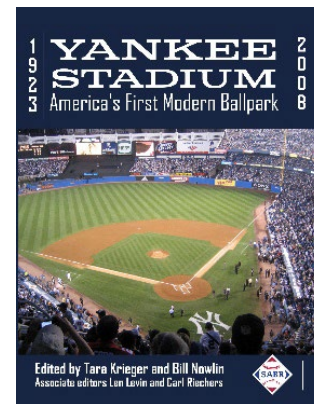
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Yankee Stadium 1923-2008: America's First Modern Ballpark

SABR's Digital Library lists many of our own Casey Stengel Chapter members as contributors to the collective efforts of research, including for this book about Yankee Stadium 1923-2008: America's First Modern Ballpark.

Like the Ebbets Field book (on p. 3), this book will be highlighted in a future CSC newsletter that includes contributors from our chapter. Yankee Stadium 1923-2008 was co-edited by CSC member Tara Krieger.



The Miracle Has Landed:

The Amazin' Story of How the 1969 Mets Shocked the World

Let's Go Mets! Originally published in 2009 World and edited by Matthew Silverman and Ken Samelson, *The Miracle Has Landed: The Amazin' Story of How the 1969 Mets Shocked* is now an updated, expanded edition with a Foreword by Jerry Koosman and is free to download here <https://sabr.org/latest/sabr-digital-library-the-miracle-has-landed-1969-new-york-mets>

Casey Stengel Chapter members know the lifelong love for the Mets abiding in Silverman and Samelson and every reader will relish the photos and details packed inside this treasure. Can you believe that 30+ SABR members contributed to this amazin' tome? You gotta believe it! It has profiles of just about everyone: the players, coaches, folks in the front-office, and the media as well.

Some biographies have been updated like Tommie Agee, Donn Clendenon, Jerry Grote, Bud Harrelson, Gil Hodges, Cleon Jones, Nolan Ryan, Tom Seaver, and Ron Swoboda. Miracle catch after miracle catch – if you don't remember, you can go online to see them – and the fairy tale ending for the very first ever world champion expansion team. You can look it up, as Casey Stengel used to say.

The *Miracle Has Landed* offers intriguing biographies of those who played for or helped the NY Mets, particularly in the year 1969. Listed in alphabetical order, they are:

Tommie Agee, Yogi Berra, Ken Boswell, Don Cardwell, Ed Charles, **Donn Clendenon**, Kevin Collins, Jack DiLauro, Duffy Dyer, Danny Frisella, Wayne Garret, Rod Gaspar, Gary Gentry, Jim Gosger, M. Donald Grant, Jerry Grote, Bud Harrelson, Bob Heise, Jesse Hudson, Al Jackson, **Bob Johnson**, Cleon Jones, Cal Koonce, Jerry Koosman, **Ed Kranepool**, Jim McAndrew, Tug McGraw, **J.C. Martin**, Red Murff, Johnny Murphy, Amos Otis, Joan Payson, Bobby Pfeil, Joe

Pignatano, Les Rohr, Nolan Ryan, Tom Seaver, Art Shamsky, Ron Swoboda, **Ron Taylor**, Rube Walker, Al Weis, **Eddie Yost**.

The **bold print** above indicates those Mets who have been included in this issue's "Focus On" the NY Mets section (page 7).

These two links will take you to the people of significance (alphabetically):

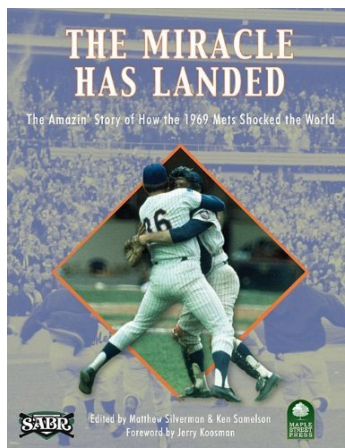
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goes from Agee to Koosman; for Kranepool to Yost (the 2nd page), go here

<https://sabr.org/bioproj/category/completed-book-projects/1969-new-york-mets/page/2/>

Contributors include: Mark Armour, Eric Aron, Mike Bender, Sam Bernstein, Michael J. Bielawa, Talmage Boston, Michael P. Cahill, Rob Edelman, Doug Feldmann, Irv Goldfarb, Paul Hirsch, Edward Hoyt, William H. Johnson, Jacob Kanarek, Ron Kaplan, Maxwell Kates, **Tara Krieger**, Bill Lamberty, Len Levin, Lou Longobardi, Bruce Markusen, Les Masterson, Bill Nowlin, Len Pasculli, Neal Poloncarz, **Greg W. Prince**, C. Paul Rogers III, John T. Saccoman, **Ken Samelson**, Andrew Schiff, **Matthew Silverman**, Mark Simon, Curt Smith, Greg Spira, **Jon Springer**, Joan M. Thomas, Adam J. Ulrey, Glenn Vasey, **John Vorperian**, Joseph Wancho, Dave Williams, Linc Wonham, Fred Worth, and Al Yellon.

Names **in bold** are Casey Stengel Chapter members – thank you!



Additional Digital Knowledge on Those NY Mets

For fans who cannot get enough of those amazing New York Mets, here are two more Mets-themed SABR books to explore.



Met-rospectives: A Collection of the Greatest Games in New York Mets History

- Summaries of 57 games (over 57 years)
- Chosen for drama, time of year, and impact
- Very first victory in April 1962
- Ending in September 2016 (for the wild-card berth)
- Contributions by 32 SABR members

<https://sabr.org/latest/sabr-digital-library-met-rospectives-collection-greatest-games-new-york-mets-history/>

1986 Mets/Red Sox: There Was More Than Game Six

- A two-book companion series
- Biographies of every player, coach, broadcaster, and others vital to the 1986 Red Sox and Mets
- How the 1986 season “fit into” the lives of these players, coaches, broadcasters, and others so vital to these teams
- Contributions by 74 SABR members



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Still want more? Try these sites for fun:

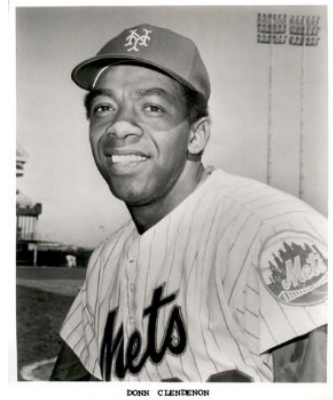
<https://www.ultimatemets.com/>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Mets_Hall_of_Fame

The NY Mets Focus on: Oral History & Biographies

SABR's Oral Histories are usually recorded by interviewers but sometimes are available only in printed form. Here are some of the players associated with the 1969 Miracle Mets along with their BioProject biographies to further enrich your learning experience.

An interview with Donn Clendenon in 1963 by Cliff Evans (see Notes) is here <https://sabr.org/interview/donn-clendenon-1963/>



Interviewee: Clendenon, Donn

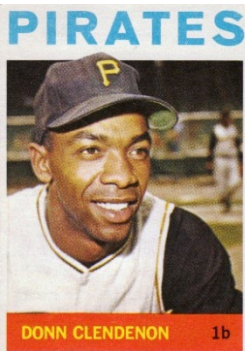
Interview Date: 1963

Interviewer: Evans, Clifford

Notes:

From the Clifford Evans Archive, used by permission of Gregory L. Peterson. Radio executive Evans conducted audio interviews of baseball players during spring training in the early 1960s. You can also watch this interview as a video.

This article by Ed Hoyt is about Donn Clendenon
<https://sabr.org/bioproj/person/donn-clendenon/>



Another oral history interview is here

<https://sabr.org/interview/donn-clendenon-unknown/>

Interviewee: Clendenon, Donn

Interview Date:

Interviewer: Bergman, Irwin

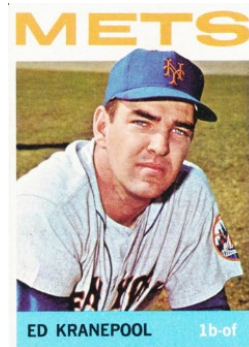
More interviews of players from the 1969 Miracle Mets

An interview with Bob Johnson <https://sabr.org/interview/bob-johnson-1989/>



Interviewee: Johnson, Bob
Interview Date: 12/18/1989
Interviewer: Kelley, Brent

This article by Bruce Markusen is about Bob Johnson
<https://sabr.org/bioproj/person/Bob-Johnson-4/>



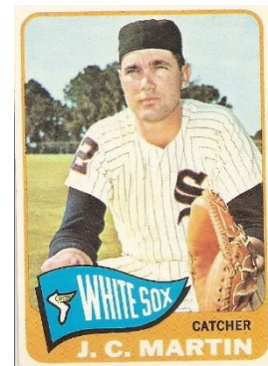
This article by Tara Krieger is about Ed Kranepool
<https://sabr.org/bioproj/person/ed-kranepool/>

An interview with J. C. Martin <https://sabr.org/interview/j-c-martin-2002/>

Interviewee: Martin, J.C.
Interview Date: 2002
Interviewer: Liptak, Mark

This Oral History interview (PDF transcript only, no audio) is part of the Mark Liptak Collection.

This article by Neal Poloncarz is about J C. Martin
<https://sabr.org/bioproj/person/J-C-Martin/>

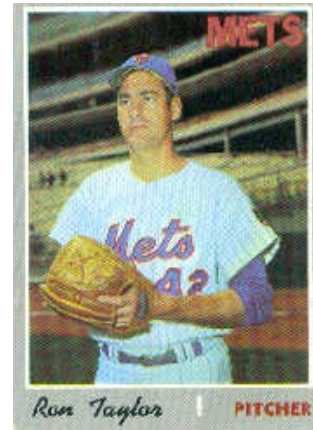


An interview with Ron Taylor <https://sabr.org/interview/ron-taylor-1991/>

Interviewee: Taylor, Ron

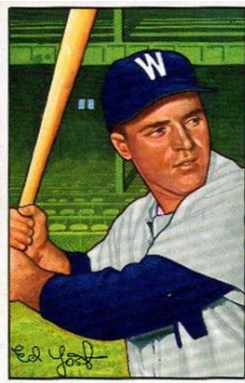
Interview Date: 6/14/1991

Interviewer: Bergman, Irv



This article by Maxwell Kates is about Ron Taylor.

<https://sabr.org/bioproj/person/Ron-Taylor/>



An interview with Eddie Yost

<https://sabr.org/interview/eddie-yost-1989/>

Interviewee: Yost, Eddie

Interview Date: 8/23/1989

Interviewer: Kelley, Brent

This article by Matthew Silverman and Andrew Schiff is about Eddie Yost

<https://sabr.org/bioproj/person/Eddie-Yost/>

According to Wikipedia, when Gil “Hodges became manager of the New York Mets in 1968, he took Yost with him; Shea Stadium, the Mets' home field, was located only eight miles (13 km) from Yost's off-season home in South Ozone Park, Queens. Yost was the Mets' third-base coach from 1968 to 1976 and was a member of both the 1969 "Miracle Mets" World Series champion and the 1973 Mets, who won the National League pennant but fell in that season's Fall Classic in seven games.” https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eddie_Yost

The Brooklyn Dodgers Focus on: Oral History & Biographies

An interview with Tom Lasorda <https://sabr.org/interview/tom-lasorda-2005/>



Interviewee: Lasorda, Tom
Interview Date: 2005-11-12
Interviewer: Baldassaro, Lawrence

This article by Alan Stowell is about Tommy Lasorda
<https://sabr.org/bioproj/person/tom-lasorda/>

HEY! Wrong Hat, Tommy!

CASEY QUOTES

Most people my age are dead at the present time and you can look it up.

We are a much-improved ball club: now we lose in extra innings!

The NY Giants Focus on: Oral History & Biographies

An interview with Hall of Famer Albert Fred “Red” Schoendienst
<https://sabr.org/interview/red-schoendienst-1987/>

Interviewee: Schoendienst, Red
Interview Date: 12/12/1987
Interviewer: Langford, Walter

There is a PDF available of the oral interview as well.

This article by Kristen Lokemoen is about Red Schoendienst
<https://sabr.org/bioproj/person/Red-Schoendienst/>



The NY Yankees Focus on: Oral History & Biographies



An interview with Charles Herbert "Red" Ruffing
<https://sabr.org/interview/red-ruffing-1960/>

Interviewee: Ruffing, Red
Interview Date: 1960-08-13
Interviewer: Evans, Clifford

Notes:

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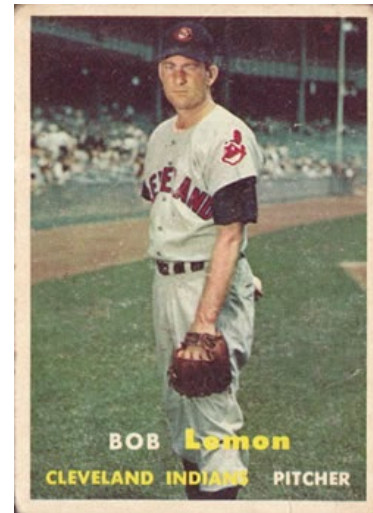
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This article was written by Warren Corbett <https://sabr.org/bioproj/person/red-ruffing/>

An interview with Hall of Famer Bob Lemon who speaks about his managing stints with the Yankees
<https://sabr.org/interview/bob-lemon-1990/>

Interviewee: Lemon, Bob
Interview Date: 7/28/1990
Interviewer: Poleyeff, Jacob

This article by Jon Barnes is about Bob Lemon
<https://sabr.org/bioproj/person/Bob-Lemon/>

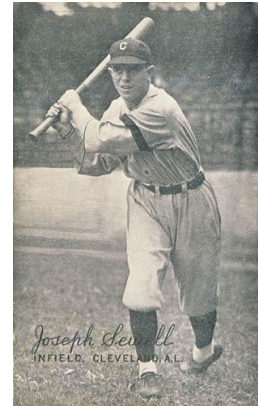


Hall of Famer Joe Sewell was a member of two teams that won a World Series: the 1920 Cleveland Indians (now the Guardians) and the 1932 NY Yankees. He “holds the record for the lowest strikeout rate in major league history, striking out on average only once every 73 plate appearances, and the most consecutive games without a strikeout, at 115 [and] his 167.7 at-bats per strikeout in 1932 is still a single-season record” according to Wikipedia.

An interview with Hall of Famer Joe Sewell
<https://sabr.org/interview/joe-sewell-1982/>

Interviewee: Sewell, Joe
Interview Date: 6/26/1982
Interviewer: Langford, Walter

This article by Bill Johnson is about Joe Sewell
<https://sabr.org/bioproj/person/Joe-Sewell/>



SHARING OUR STORIES

M. Frank’s Westchester Column: DOWNSIZING By Mike Frank

Sooner or later, many of us feel the need to slim down our sports literature collections. And considering the average age of SABR members, it ought to be sooner rather than later. In my own case, I had removed a great weight of books and National Geographics. I saved a few that were special to me, like the Putnam team histories or first-year yearbooks of the Mets and Royals.

Recently, I was able to visit Bob Wirz from the Connecticut chapter, who was retiring from being involved with minor league, college, and semipro ball. His selection reflected that. Included in what I picked up were two books he wrote, *My Nebraska* and *The Passion of Baseball*. Contact him at bwirz2@gmail.com if you are interested in anything he might have.

Dr. Rich Cohen posted that he was downsizing. He is a SABR member who can be reached at cohenrichards@gmail.com if you’d like to ask what he has. Rich Bozzone of eastern Connecticut was once very active in SABR and he also posted about downsizing. Go to boz9@att.net if you want to make a deal. So, keep your eyes open.

SHARING OUR STORIES

The Jints Column By Gary Mintz

Gary Mintz is the author of *Baseball From 3,000 Miles Away: The Trials, Tribulations, and Triumphs of Being an East Coast San Francisco Giants Fan*.

Four years ago, our group held its first virtual meeting on 7/22/2020. Noel Hynd was our 1st guest speaker discussing his revised book, ***THE GIANTS OF THE POLO GROUNDS***. Since then, we have held 161 additional Zooms including last night's fabulous meeting with Ralph Carhart who discussed his book, ***THE HALL BALL***. The speakers have been fabulous and a shout-out to the guys/gals in the group who have learned how to "ZOOM", (aside from the occasional not muting when they should!) appropriately and effectively. Yes, you can teach some old dogs new tricks.

With that being said, here is a revised list of Zooms through the end of 2024. You will see I started seeking out speakers for 2025 as well. Also, I have attached a list of every Zoom we have had as well as an alphabetized list of guest speakers as well. Remember, all these Zooms can be viewed on our YOUTUBE CHANNEL at <https://www.youtube.com/@NYGiantsPreservationSociety>.

Thanks for supporting and being part of something to be very proud of, that being keeping the memory of a baseball team that hasn't played as the New York Giants for 66 years. Here are all the upcoming October Zooms. All meetings are subject to change from the Guest Speaker or the moderator. More sessions will be announced in this space, through 2024 and some of 2025.

10/10-NYGPS Meeting with author Warren Corbett who will be discussing NY Giants Dusty Rhodes from his published SABR article.

10/16-NYGPS Meeting with author John Iamarino who will be discussing his book, ***SEVEN GAMES IN '62: THE YANKEES AND GIANTS SQUARE OFF IN A CLASSIC WORLD SERIES***.

10/24-NYGPS Meeting with author Tom Van Hyning who will be discussing NY Giants Ruben Gomez from his published SABR article.



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